

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln, Of: STANGIER, T. et al.  
National Stage of  
PCT Application No.: PCT/DE00/03222  
For: BEARING DEVICE  
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BOX PCT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to calculation of fees, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 5, as follows:

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B1  
a1
5. (Amended). A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).

Please add new claims 7-9, as follows:

- a2
7. A bearing device as set forth in claim 2 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).  
8. A bearing device as set forth in claim 3 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).  
9. A bearing device as set forth in claim 4 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).